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REMARKS

Claims 73-106 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification and claims as filed, for example, Claims 1-72 and the following paragraphs from the Specification as filed: Claims that recite an AU-rich element are supported in paragraphs 105, 175, 266, 294, 321, 324, 341, and 352; Claims that recite the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 are supported in paragraphs 78, 83, 84, 188, 266, 295, 316, and 319; Claims that recite a polypeptide comprising a PEST sequence are supported by original claims 6 and 28; Claims that recite a luciferase as the reporter are supported by original claim 46; Claims that recite Renilla luciferase are supported by paragraphs 76, 77, 86, 87, 95, 97, 98, 143, 187, and 372; Claims that recite firefly luciferase are supported by paragraphs 76, 77, 83, 94, 97, 122, 128, 303, and 372; Claims that recite a multiple cloning site, a polyadenylation site, a selectable marker gene, or an origin of replication are supported by Claim 40; Claims that recite an SV40 polyadenylation sequence are supported in paragraphs 100, 374, and 375; Claims that recite an ampicillin resistance gene are supported in paragraphs 187, 246, and 297.

The changes made to the Specification and Claims by the current amendment, including ~~deletions~~ and additions, are shown herein with deletions designated with a strikethrough and additions underlined. No new matter has been added herewith.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any questions which might delay prosecution of the above-captioned patent application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

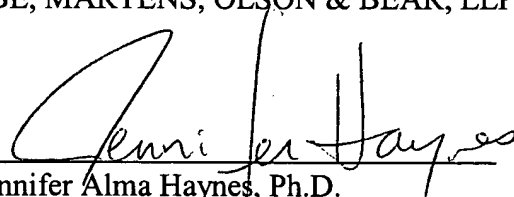
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